

Claims

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[c1] 1. A conductivity sensor comprising:
a first annular electrode having a first inner diameter;
a second annular electrode having the first inner diameter; and
a tubular portion disposed axially between said first electrode and said second electrode, said tubular portion having a second inner diameter greater than said first inner diameter,
said tubular portion, said first electrode and said second electrode defining a sensor cell, said cell having a cell length between said first electrode and said second electrode.

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[c2] 2. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 1 wherein said cell has a cell constant defined by the formula:

$$\pi D_2^2 / 4L$$

where D_2 is said second inner diameter.

[c3] 3. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 1 further comprising a seal material between said first annular electrode and said tubular portion.

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[c4] 4. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 1 further comprising a control circuit generating an output corresponding to a conductivity of a fluid between said first annular electrode and said second annular electrode.

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[c5] 5. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 1 further comprising a calibration circuit.

[c6] 6. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 5 wherein said calibration circuit comprises a zero adjustment circuit.

[c7] 7. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 5 wherein said calibration circuit comprises a gain adjustment circuit.

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[c8] 8. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 1 wherein said gain adjustment circuit is coupled to said first electrode.

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[c9] 9. A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 1 further comprising a buffer circuit coupled to said first electrode.

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[c10]

10.A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 1 wherein said control circuit is operational amplifier-based.

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[c11]

11.A conductivity sensor comprising:

a first annular electrode having a first inner diameter and a first outer diameter, said first annular electrode having a first threaded portion said first outer diameter;

a second annular having a second first inner diameter and the second outer diameter, said second annular electrode having a second threaded portion said second outer diameter; and

a tubular portion disposed axially between said first electrode and said second electrode, said tubular portion having a third inner diameter greater than said first inner diameter and said second inner diameter,

said tubular portion, said first electrode and said second electrode defining a sensor cell, said cell having a cell length between said first electrode and said second electrode.

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12.A sensor as recited in claim 11 wherein said first inner diameter and said second inner diameter are equivalent.

[c13]

13.A sensor as recited in claim 11 wherein said first outer diameter and said second outer diameter are equivalent.

[c14]

14.A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 11 further comprising a seal material between said first annular electrode and said tubular portion.

[c15]

15.A conductivity sensor as recited in claim 11 wherein said seal material comprises polytetrafluoroethylene.

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[c16]

16.A method of assembling a conductivity sensor comprising:

coupling a first annular electrode having a first inner diameter to a tubular portion;

coupling a second annular electrode having the first inner diameter to the tubular portion so that the tubular portion positioned axially between said first electrode and said second electrode.

[c17]

17.A method as recited in claim 16 wherein said step of coupling a first annular electrode having a first inner diameter to a tubular portion comprises threadably coupling a first annular electrode having a first inner diameter to a tubular portion.

[c18]

18.A method as recited in claim 16 further comprising coupling a control circuit to said first annular electrode and said second annular electrode calibrating the control circuit.

[c19]

19.A method as recited in claim 18 wherein calibrating said control circuit comprises open circuit zeroing said control circuit.

[c20]

20.A method as recited in claim 18 wherein calibrating said control circuit comprises adjusting the gain of a buffer circuit.

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